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Juvenile Justice Services Made a Difference

by Jeanne Lund
Community Relations

"Wow! This is wonderful," said Monet Steen from Healthy Central City. "We have so many people that need just these items."



Monet Steen from Salt Lake County's Healthy Central City Program

Utah's Juvenile Justice Services made a difference in the lives of hundreds of people. In a statewide effort beginning in May of this year, Juvenile Justice Services' Regional volunteer coordinators, Jill Merritt, Lisa Schauer-

hamer and Linda Campbell, put together a program to assure that Utah's needy would have warm clothing this winter. The goal was to provide a coat for every man, woman and child in Utah. We came very close to meeting that goal. It's wonderful to watch 'at risk', and sometimes even hard core, youth get teary-eyed when they see old and

young alike get so excited to receive a warm coat, scarf or hat.

Our effort began with a poster contest by one of many partners, Clearfield Job Corps' Graphic Arts Department. Students were invited to design a poster we could use throughout the State to advertise the need for warm winter clothing and the Make a Difference Day cause. A



A truck load of winter clothing is ready for transport.

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Utah Correctional Association's James A. Larson Award

The Utah Correctional Association (UCA) enjoyed their annual Fall Conference in October this year.

In conjunction with the Western Corrections Association, UCA hosted the event at Park City's The Canyons Ski Resort which consistently ranks among the top ski vacation destinations in North America.

Annually, the Utah Correctional Association presents awards in various categories for outstanding contributions in the field of corrections. Juvenile Justice Services personnel are often the recipients of these awards. This year was no different with two JJS employees, Dave Fowers and Holly Jenkins, receiving high honors.

Dave Fowers, Program Manager, received the coveted James A. Larson Award which is given to recognize individuals from the public and private sectors for outstanding contributions in criminal justice. This prestigious award is given to those

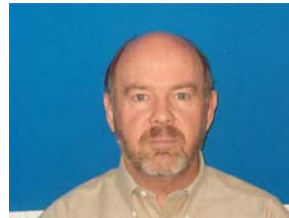
who have made a significant impact in the field. In part, Dave's nomination read:

"Dave has committed his career to the juvenile justice system and has worked in many capacities including Director of the Observation and Assessment Center in Ogden and also Director of Mill Creek Youth Center. Dave is committed to the development of services for sex offenders and their victims. With Dave's help, a national conference dealing with initiatives for sexual predators was held in Salt Lake City. Dave provided the advocacy and leadership for this program which led to creation of the Network On Juveniles Offending Sexually and later the passage of the Juvenile Sex Offender Supervision and Treatment Act. This led to the formation of the Sex Offender Authority which was designed to supervise and coordinate the efforts of law enforcement, the Divisions of Juvenile Justice Services, Mental Health, Child and

Family Services and Services for People with Disabilities, the Office of Education, the Juvenile Court, prosecution and juvenile sex offender intervention and treatment specialists.

The goal was to coordinate and develop effective and cost effective programs for the treatment of juveniles who sexually offend.

Dave is committed to working collabora-



tively with all individuals, across agency boundaries and departments. He provides technical assistance to agencies as well as individuals in order to ensure the best services to the offender while working hard to ensure the community is protected." To contact Dave for additional information or services, call (801) 451-7372

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*Don't
Procrastinate.
The
easiest
way to get
rid of a
difficult
task is to
do it.*

*- author
unknown*

Holly Jenkins Receives UCA Double Whammy

Holly has been a dedicated employee of Juvenile Justice Services for more than fourteen years.

At the recent Utah Correctional Association Conference she received two very different awards.

The first was the Juvenile Corrections Award that recognized and rewarded her outstanding contribution to the field of juvenile justice. Holly has served on several committees for the Utah Correctional Association. She has also been an influence for change in her career position with Juvenile Justice Servi-

ces (JJS). Holly was given the task of setting up the Foster Care Medicaid Program for JJS clients. She learned all of the Medicaid rules and developed a procedure for clients in the northern area of the State. She has trained others and provided technical assistance to staff throughout JJS, as well as contracted private providers. Holly is known as the 'go to' person when staff and providers alike need answers.

Holly began her involvement with UCA as a member and quickly became active in the inner workings.

She accepted the position of Membership chair where she quickly revamped the old system. Holly held the position of UCA secretary where she again took control of a problem area and set up an accounting system to track expenses, expenditures and tax filing requirements. Holly's second award is a special one. Each year, the current president selects someone that has made their job a little easier and has helped them through the daily problems of being president. The award recipient is selected based on their value to the

President, but not told of the award until it is presented. Dawn Roberts honored Holly with this award at the Fall 2004 UCA Conference.

Holly began her term as President of UCA in October of this year. She is one of the most efficient and pleasant people in UCA. Nice work, Holly. We know you'll be great as the new president just as you have been in all of your other jobs both with Juvenile Justice Services and the Utah Correctional Association.

Congratulations, Holly!

Youth Need Info about Life and Living?

www.Justforyouth.utah.gov

A new website has been created for youth transitioning from State dependency to independency. The website provides all youth access to information and resources in the areas of housing, education, employment, finances, health, parenting, child care, social services and transportation information. The website provides easily accessible links for information and is designed with the young person in mind.

Two other helpful websites:

www.Utahcte.org and Utahcareers.gov

Both sites are also designed to help youth prepare for additional schooling or for entering the workplace.

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design was chosen and Clearfield Job Corps students did the layout and printing of the winning poster. The poster was regionalized and put into businesses, Juvenile Justice Services' facilities, schools, churches and programs throughout

Utah. Coats, scarves and gloves poured into collection boxes and facilities. Sporting events allowed discount pricing for donated winter clothing. Youth in locked facilities cleaned the items and helped categorize them for distribution. Other youth crocheted hats and scarves with

donated yarn to add to the collection.

In northern Utah, more than 1800 (that's where we stopped counting) coats were donated directly to Juvenile Justice Services' facilities. In addition, coats were donated to area community shelters and alternate drop sites. Items were delivered to shelters and other areas where the need had been established. Partners included: Clearfield Job Corps, Juvenile Justice Services, Swanson Family Foundation, Pages Daycare, Weber State University, and Boy Scouts of America (one scout collected, cleaned, and mended 300 coats on his own). In central Utah, twelve bags, stuffed to overflowing, of coats, hats and scarves were delivered to the Interfaith Hospitality Program. Ten went to the battered women's shelter; three went to the Crossroads Urban Center; and the remaining eighty bags went to the Crossroads Thrift Store to be distributed, at no cost,

to homeless shelters throughout the Salt Lake area. Juvenile Justice Services transported the items using ongoing work programs for the manpower. Partners included: Juvenile Justice Services, University Hospital, The Salt Lake County Health Department, Healthy Central City, Liberty Senior Center, assisted living programs, Timpanogos Animal Clinic, and Hawk Watch International. In southern Utah, clothing, too many items to count, were given to Mountainlands Head Start, migrant workers, and homeless shelters. Partners for the event included: Juvenile Justice Services' Programs, local high schools, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls' Club, Humanitarian Center, United Way of Utah County and the Mary Norris Group. That's a lot of warm clothing and a lot of happy people. Nice work!

Make A Difference Day



Coat Drive



Join the cause!

Donate your gently used coats and cold weather items.



Help keep someone warm this winter season!

For more information and a drop site near you, please contact:



Donations accepted thru:
October 23, 2004



Decker Lake's New Chapel Dedicated

Decker Lake Youth Center has a great volunteer program. In fact, it's so great that volunteers built an entire chapel with donations of time, materials and expertise. The chapel includes a pulpit, a youth and counselors alike. Curtis Preece, Program Director of Decker Lake, wrote the following: Decker Lake Chapel is open! Decker Lake Youth Center had a wonderful week



piano, an organ an office and plenty of room. Decker Lake opened in 1983. Since then, church services have been held wherever room was available including classrooms or the lunch room. The new chapel has helped make services special for all facility ending work that started over one year ago. The completion of this beautiful new chapel is certainly cause for celebration. The Decker Lake Youth Center's chapel was built by volunteers and donations, from

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Blood Drive Can Save Lives

by Fred Weidner, Director
Administrative Services

On January 26, 2005, the American Red Cross will be coming to the Department of Human Services State Office building for a blood drive. You may ask "why should I give blood?" According to the Red Cross, donating blood is a simple process that saves more than four million American lives each year. Blood is needed every three seconds. One out of three people needs donated blood in their lifetime. One out of 10 hospital patients needs a transfusion. Blood is always needed for treatment of accident victims, cancer patients, hemophiliacs and surgery patients. There is no substitute for blood. ARUP blood services states that only 4 percent of people choose to give blood. Community blood centers are continually challenged with the task of recruiting an adequate number of blood donors. ARUP needs 75 people a day to donate to cover the needs at Primary Children's Medical Center, the University of Utah Medical Center and Shriners's Hospital. If you wonder why I am so adamant about donating blood, it is because blood donations kept my son alive. Our youngest son, Matthew, was born with a rare birth defect that required him to have over 200 blood transfusions during the first four months of his life. At that point in time we stopped counting. He spent the first six months of his life at Primary Children's Medical Center. He is now 19 and attending Snow College on an academic and music scholarship. He is an accomplished jazz pianist and French horn player. Throughout his public school career he played baseball, basketball and soccer and now enjoys racquetball. None of this could have happened if it wasn't for those of you who donate blood. If you want to donate, but don't work in the Administration building, call the American Red Cross for information.

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individuals in the community and from several different religious denominations working together. Decker Lake has needed a chapel

completed. A special "thank you" dinner was held on Friday, November 19th, with approximately 60 guests in attendance. The chapel was formally dedi-

cated on Sunday, November 21, with standing room only. The story of the new Chapel at Decker Lake was featured in the Church section of the Deseret News, on November 28. The new addition to the Decker Lake facility is a perfect fit in size, architecture and placement with the existing structure. For all youth and staff presently at this Juvenile Justice Services' facility and all those who will enter in the future, this new addition will be sure to inspire change in the rehabilitation process. We want to thank all those who took part in and are responsible for the completion of this beautiful new chapel. Many of the young men commented about the new chapel: "It is a privilege; a place for spiritual assemblies; a place to go and forget for even a minute where

we are; good for spirituality; a higher power; helps with spiritual guidance; it helps with daily problems; relieves my stress; it's having a higher power; it helps me pray."

Richard Lambert, President of the Decker Lake Branch of the LDS Church said, "What it really boils down to is the concept that spiritual life changes people. The chapel is a symbol of this service that has been given by so many people who have opened up their hearts."



since the day it was built, nearly 25 years ago. Sunday services have been taking place in lunchrooms and in schoolrooms. Now, thanks to the wonderful volunteers and dedicated clergy over the past 5 years, a new and extraordinary place for young people to worship has been

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